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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WAGER ET AL.

Examiner

REXFORD N BARNIE

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-53 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-53 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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REXFORD BARNIE
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 1, 2 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tell et al. (US Pat# 5,774,802, cited by applicant) in view of Sheffer et al. (US Pat# 5,218,367, cited by applicant).

Regarding claim 1, Tell et al. teaches an apparatus for billing in a wireless communication system wherein a mobile station's location can be identified and defining a zone for billing purpose based on the location information in (see col. 1 line 50-col. 2 line 6). Even though, Tell teaches a graphical interface, which can receive map information, it fails to teach being able to display zone information in detail. Sheffer

teaches a mobile communication system wherein zone information or sector information associated with a mobile object can be displayed on a computer in (see cols. 6-8).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Sheffer into that of Tell thus making it possible to identify the location of a mobile equipment based on displayed graphical coordinate information for possible assistance if needed.

Regarding claim 2, the combination including Tell teaches the claimed subject matter in (see col. 5 of tell).

Regarding claim 35, see the explanation as set forth regarding claim 1. In addition to the fact that the combination renders obvious the identification of a mobile unit in a specific zone area.

Claims 3-34 and 36-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tell et al. (US Pat# 5,774,802, cited by applicant) in view of Sheffer et al. (US Pat#. 5,218,367, cited by applicant) and Fitch et al. (WO 01/35683 A1, cited by applicant).

Regarding claims 3-6 and 36-53, the combination fails to teach the claimed subject matter but Fitch teaches an interface unit which can be manipulated as desired in conjunction with location based zone and geographical definition memory in (see entire disclosure).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Fitch into that of the

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combination thus making it possible to analyze and customize graphical information as desired.

Regarding claims 7-16, 26 and 31, the combination including Tell or Fitch teaches different billing rates associated with different zone areas for billing purposes.

Regarding claims 17-25, 27-30 and 32-34, the examiner takes official notice that it's notoriously well known to display cell information using different colors

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **REXFORD N BARNIE** whose telephone number is (703)306-2744. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CURTIS KUNTZ can be reached on (703) 305-4708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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